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ANILOX ROLL**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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SIR:

This is a preliminary amendment to provide certain corrections in the above captioned patent application. The applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. The Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any

potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows: **IN THE CLAIMS:**